

# The Rays of Sunrise

Sunday, February 28, 2010

## From Tim's Laptop...

Steven Holcomb had no idea what he was missing.

Though he had been diagnosed with keratoconus – a degenerative eye disorder that changes the shape of the cornea – in 2001, Holcomb continued piloting the American bobsled team for years without interruption. Racing by feel, instinct, and brute force earned his squad several impressive finishes in the years following the diagnosis. But his eyesight continued to deteriorate.

Then, in 2008, Holcomb participated in an experimental procedure that implanted corrective lenses behind his irises. Now equipped with a clearer vision, the speedy sledder is ready to take on all comers with all five senses operating at full capacity.

Clear vision matters. It matters on the racetrack and it's critical in the life of the church. Where are we going as a community of faith? What twists and turns are ahead? What kinds of exciting things might lie in store for Sunrise?

Sunrise has plotted its vision along seven trajectories. As we go forward as a church, we aim to follow God's leadership in these specific areas:

1. Sunrise envisions itself growing in size and in spiritual maturity.
2. Sunrise envisions itself as a seven-day-a-week ministry center.
3. Sunrise envisions the formation of significant partnerships with like-minded Christian communities.
4. Sunrise envisions itself remaining culturally relevant.
5. Sunrise envisions the addition of new and unique perspectives to its fellowship.
6. Sunrise envisions itself serving many more donuts.
7. Sunrise envisions its future ministry in a humble and prayerful spirit.

You'll find more about each of these ideas if you log on to our website, [www.sunrisemin.org](http://www.sunrisemin.org).

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How does this list of future hopes and dreams impact the way that the church operates in the present tense? Ideally, it means that with every decision that is made, with every new initiative, a clear line of purpose can be drawn to one of these seven principles. To the point: *tomorrow matters today*.

Like Steven Holcomb, we can become comfortable living as members of a church family based mainly on feel and instinct. But sometimes our feelings or our gut indications can be cheap stand-ins for really looking hard at what we're supposed to be doing. And maybe becoming "comfortable" is less a good sign and more a bad sign.

How are we doing at working toward this vision? How can we do a better job? Let us know! The lines of communication between your leaders and you are always open. Talk to an elder or a pastor if you have a cool new idea.

The more eyes we have trained on the road ahead, the better our chances at living out God's purposes for Sunrise can become.

*Pastor Tim*

### **Today's Rising...**

Teaching Pastor: Tim Breen

Sermon Title: *A Firm Foundation: Jesus Christ Runs with the Wrong Crowd*

Sermon Text: Luke 5

### **Sunrise Schedule for this week...**

#### Today:

KidZone and Little Lambs will meet during the worship service.

Middle School Youth Group – 6:00 p.m. at Ty & Laura DeWitte's home.

#### Wednesday:

Men's Early Morning Bible Study – 6:30 a.m. at the church office.

Ladies Evening Beth Moore Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. at Carol VanHaitsma's home.

Young Ladies Evening Beth Moore Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. with Christy Veltman.

#### Thursday:

Ladies Morning Beth Moore Bible Study – 9:00 a.m. at Kelly Bryant's home.

Men's Evening Bible Study – 7:00 p.m. at the church office.

#### Friday:

Middle School Retreat – please see leaders after the service to get retreat details.

### **From the Board of Directors...**

The offering collected on February 21<sup>st</sup> was \$5,284. Our budget for 2010 is \$4,198 per week. Totals for the month of February are: Budget \$12,594, Actual \$11,910. Average giving per week for the year has been \$3,651. The board of directors wants to thank you for your gifts to Sunrise Ministries.

### **Donut sponsorship...**

Thank you to all who have sponsored our Sunrise donut time. We are covered through March, but then need more sponsors. If you can help with the cost of these, please talk to Gary House or Barb Erffmeyer.

### **Our Church Family...**

- In honor of her birthday (which was yesterday), Anne Foote is serving cake for our refreshment time this morning.
- Pastor Dave will be traveling to Houston, TX tomorrow for another check up at the MD Anderson Cancer Center. Our prayers for safe travel and a good report from the testing go with him.

### **Middle School Youth Group...**

- **Tonight's meeting:** Join us tonight at Ty & Laura DeWitte's home from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Come dressed comfy for a movie night and please bring a snack to share.
- **Retreat:** the middle school group will be going on an overnight retreat to Rockford this Friday - Saturday, March 5-6. Please see the leaders this morning to get a handout with the details.

### **New Greeter Schedules...**

If you are a volunteer to be a Sunrise greeter, please check out the new schedules for March & April. They can be found on the information table. Please mark down the date(s) you are scheduled to greet. Thanks for serving in this way!

### **Golf League...**

Anyone interested in joining a golf league at Wallenwood golf course, please see Sid Holwerda after the service.

### **LRI Banquet volunteers needed...**

On Friday, March 12, the Leader Renewal Institute (which Pastor Dave is the director of) is hosting a banquet and presentation on *Renewing Clergy Families* at the Frederick Meijer Gardens for pastors and their spouses. Dr. Sheila Schuller Coleman will be the guest speaker. Volunteers are needed at this event and the offer is extended to any Sunrise member who would be interested in helping. All volunteers are welcome to stay & enjoy the dinner at no cost. Please see Barb by the information table if you would like to volunteer or need more information.

### **Easter Flowers...**

We will begin to take your orders next Sunday for Easter Flowers. Please think who you would like to order flowers in honor of or in memory of. Payment will be due at time of ordering and checks should be made payable to Sunrise Ministries. The flowers will decorate the front of church on Easter morning and you will be able to take them home after the service.

### **Hudsonville Highlands 5K Race...**

Be sure to save May 1, 2010 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Hudsonville Highlands 5K Race that Sunrise Ministries is sponsoring. Check out [www.hudsonvillehighlands.blogspot.com](http://www.hudsonvillehighlands.blogspot.com) for many details, including a training schedule to get you off the couch & ready to race! Volunteers are needed, and more importantly...runners are needed!! Pass the date along to your family & friends who might want to participate with you.

### **Words for Wellness...**

When you are visiting someone in the hospital, be sensitive that they are recovering from something. Most of the time short visits work well to express your care and concern. There are many reasons patients may not be well rested in the hospital!

*Grace Bosma, Parish Nurse*



### **Birthdays this Week**

Monday – Nolan & Evan Ford  
Tuesday – Randy DeHoop  
Thursday – Caden Helmholdt  
Saturday – Alayna Bosma

### **Anniversaries this Week**

No anniversaries to report this week

## Sunrise Volunteer Schedule...

### Trailer Transportation:

Today: Tim Koorndyk  
Next Week: Al Rubingh

### Refreshment Servers:

Today: Don Karsten & Dan Nieuwkoop  
Next Week: Brad & Shellie Doornbos

### KidZone This Week:

Zone 1:  
Zone 2: Tricia DeGroot  
Zone 3: Jen Elling  
Zone 4: Jim Wallinga

### KidZone Next Week:

Zone 1:  
Zone 2:  
Zone 3:  
Zone 4:

### Greeters:

Today: Jim & Judy Warmington  
Next Week: Gayle Golenbiewski,  
Pat Rhodes, & Susan Staal

### Nursery Care:

Today: Jessica Flack  
Rachelle Gelder  
Next Week: Mike & Aimee Doorn

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